

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Ferry Hill Inn				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Maryland Route 34 at the Potomac River				
CITY OR TOWN: Sharpsburg				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>inn/restaurant</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Fred W. Morrison NY				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2				
CITY OR TOWN: Sharpsburg		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 264/204				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)
☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)
☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)
☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ferry Hill Inn is at present listed with the Maryland Historical Trust in Annapolis. A State Historical Marker explaining the significance of the inn is located along Maryland Route 34 near the structure. Additional records are on file with the Maryland Historical Trust.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**1812****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 41.97 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE Sept., 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

WA-II-035 -- Ferry Hill Inn

#7 -- Description

The Ferry Hill Inn is located along the north side of Maryland Route 34 just east of the Potomac River in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a high bluff facing south.

The Inn is a two-story red brick structure. The main or front section is five bays in width at the facade. A seven-bay el extends to the rear or north of the building. The exterior woodwork is painted where. It was built in 1812.

The structure is set on low stone foundations. Walls at the facade are laid in flemish bond. Other brick work is common bond. A modern one-story frame extension is connected to the north gable end of the el. Flat brick arches are present over windows, while a broad elliptical arch spans the main entrance. Other decorative brick work includes a cornice band of headers protruding from the house wall.

Windows contain modern framing and six-over-six pane sashes. Many openings on the south and east walls are flanked with louvered shutters. Small half windows are present in the lower facade to light the cellar. On the roof are two gable topped dormers with arched openings.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the facade. The entrance way is wide under a broad elliptical fan with ray mullions and matching side lights. The jambs are paneled. Attached plain doric columns flank the door.

The roof covering is sheet metal. The main section of the building is topped with a hipped roof while the rear section has a gable roof.

Inside end chimneys are present at both ends of the main section and at the north gable end of the el. A fourth chimney rises from the interior of the el. All have decorative brick work at their caps.

A modern two-story portico covers the three center bays of the facade. It is supported by four plain doric columns. A double porch extends along the east wall of the el.

The Ferry Hill Inn property contains 41.97 acres. Although it has been greatly altered, the building is in excellent condition. It is not at present in danger of destruction.

#8 -- Significance

The major significance of Ferry Hill Inn lies in its association with the early ferry across the Potomac River and as the boyhood home of Colonel Henry Kyd Douglas, a member of Stonewall Jackson's staff.

According to published sources, the Ferry Hill house was built in 1812. The property was at that time owned by Henry Thomas Van Swearingen. Thomas Van Swearingen began operating a ferry between Shepherdstown in what was then Virginia and Maryland in 1765.

#8 -- Sigficance (Continued)

In 1816 the property was transferred to John Blackford who operated the ferry and the Ferry Hill plantation until his death in 1839. John Blackford's son Henry sold the Ferry Hill property to Robert Douglas in 1848.

Henry Kyd Douglas, son of Robert Douglas spent his boyhood years at Ferry Hill. Because Douglas was a member of Stonewell Jackson's staff, in 1862 federal troops occupied the house and confined the Douglas family. In 1863, the house served as headquarters for confederate Major General Edward Johnson on his route to Pennsylvania.

The architectural significance of the Ferry Hill House has been diminished by extensive alteration.

A commemorative sign planted in front of the property explains its association with the Douglas family and Civil War events.

#9 -- Bibliographical References

Green, Fletcher M., ed., Ferry Hill Plantation Journal, Chapel Hill: U.N.C. Press, 1961.

Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1968.

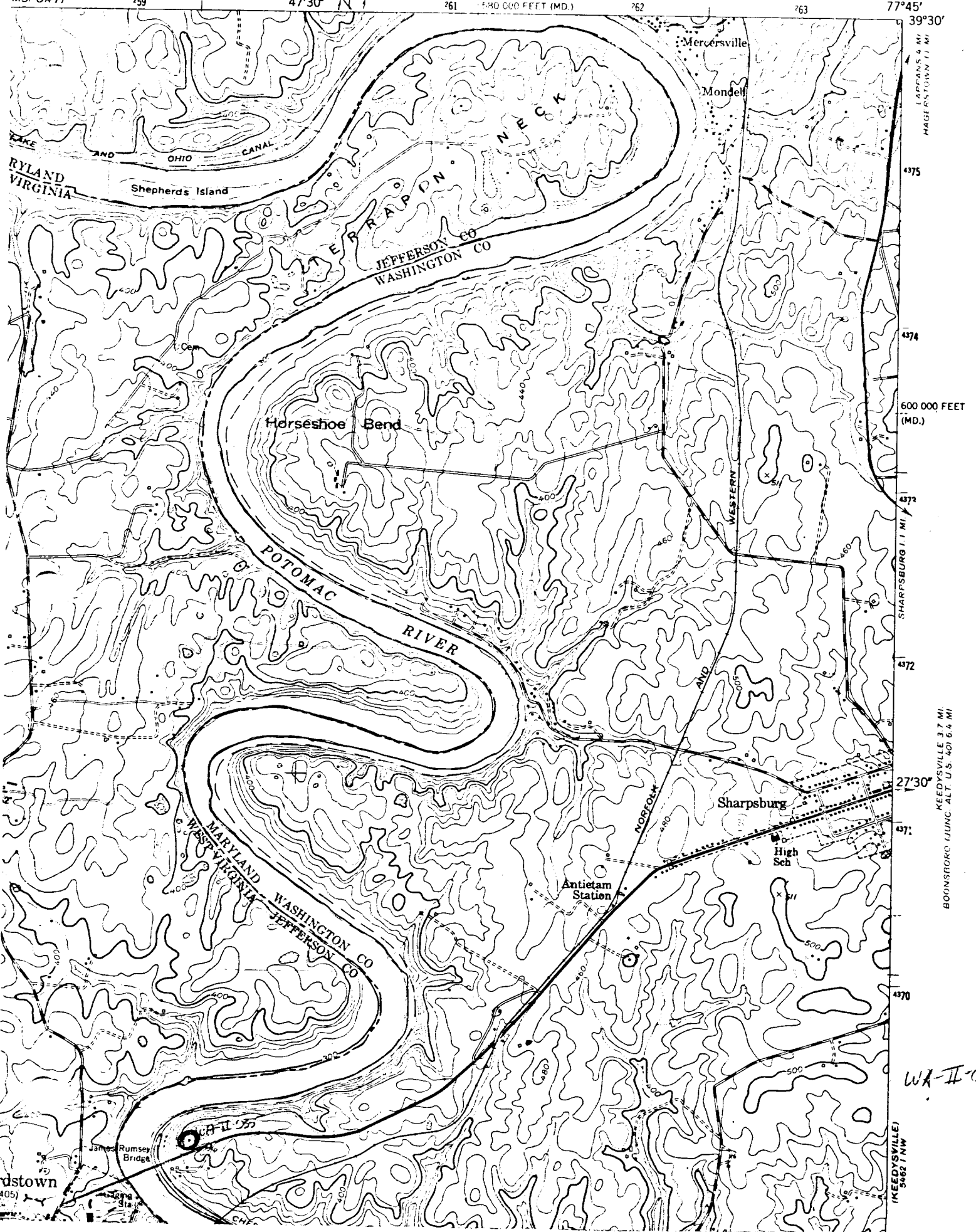
Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown, Md.: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

WA-11-35

<p>1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Washington TOWN Turner's Gap VICINITY STREET NO. Ad 34 at Potomac River ORIGINAL OWNER Black Ford ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER Fred W. Morrison PRESENT USE Restaurant & cocktail WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY WA-11-35</p> <p>2. NAME Ferry Hill Place - Blackford's Plantation DATE OR PERIOD 1813 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC</p> <p>2 dormers on front 5 bays wide doorway 1" shaped hip roof in process of being destroyed by owners large porch on front</p> <p>4 interior chimneys concrete block cocktail lounge on rear rear wing has 2 story porch partially enclosed small unpainted clapboard 1 1/2 story addition on extreme rear</p> <p>Present owner is doing a complete job in house</p> <p><i>Douglas Place</i> <i>See notes re. Hoffman Family, with AH+ file on I-7</i></p> <p><i>decid ref = 264.204</i> <i>parcel 2</i> <i>map # 79</i> <i>plot # 4</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>restaurant & Tavern</i> <i>19th C mansion</i> <i>maligned</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>KBK</i> <i>Summary</i> <i>1967</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>41.97A</i></p>	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior</p>	
<p>21. Ferry Hill or Blackford's Plantation, high on the banks of the Potomac opposite Shepherdstown, was the home of Henry Kyd Douglas, General under Stonewall Jackson. <i>Hershey</i></p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH <i>Color #2012</i></p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER KBK 11/67</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD</p>

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